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Savannah hosts inaugural book festival

With a line-up featuring authors John Berendt, Cora Daniels and Mary Kay Andrews and poets James Kimbrell and Starkey Flythe, Jr., the event offered patrons a wide variety of speakers and topics.

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Ciao! Adiós! Bon Voyage!

Students learn about trips and financial aid at Study Abroad Fair

Kristen Alonso

Travel opportunities for students abounded at the MCC Dining Room Wednesday, Jan. 30, when The Office of International Education promoted more than 20 trips to 16 different countries, including Vietnam, Greece, and Russia.

Students learned about not only the price of the trips, but also a financial aid representative was available to point out options for paying for the study abroad opportunities. Some trips were as low as \$1,300 while others were as high as \$5,420, and none included

tuition expenses. Still, Jackie Lewis, senior financial aid counselor, doesn't believe

these trips are automatically out of reach for students.

"It is possible but they

really need to be digging in with their financial aid counselors to see what their opportunities really are,"

Lewis said. She said there are scholarship opportunities as well as federal and state aid programs, depending on a student's eligibility.

These trips allow students a chance to experience their education first hand. Dr. Becky da Cruz of the Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science department, is a director of a new trip to Rio de Janeiro for public law, health, and politics. Da Cruz said the class will have a chance to see public policy in action in a developing country and complete comparative analysis. Brazil has adopted a socialized medical care program, and students will see for themselves "how it's working in another country."

Study abroad opportunities are available now. For more information, visit <http://www.intl.armstrong.edu/abroad.html>.



The Argentina crew talking among themselves.

Steven Chaffee

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Piano Fest 2008

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents Piano Fest 2008 guest clinician Lino Rivera, of St. Mary's College of California, in a guest artist recital at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$6. Call (912) 927-5381 for ticketing information.

AASU Hosts College Goal

Financial aid experts will be on-hand to provide Georgia high school seniors and their families with critical information on how to get money for college. College Goal Sunday will be held Feb. 10 from 2-4 p.m. in University hall RM 112. For more information, visit <http://www.collegegoal-sundayga.com> or call Laura Harris at (912) 920-6596.

SGA & ARC Blood Drive

The SGA will sponsor an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the MCC lawn, behind the cafeteria. For more information, call Al Harris or Amy Carter at (912) 927-5300.

I Got Love for My BODY!

Planned Parenthood and the Student Health Center will sponsor a Sexual Health Awareness Day in the cafeteria on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free prizes, contraceptives and more will be available. For more information, contact Leigh F. Rich at (912) 921-7341 or leigh.rich@armstrong.edu.

Birthright Israel sends student on eye-opening trip

Organization sponsors trips to Israel

Rachael Hartman

Josie Streiff had the experience of her life during winter break 2007 when she went on a Birthright Israel tour - a ten-day all expenses paid trip for Jewish young adults, regardless of faith or religious activity, as well as those of Jewish ancestry and religious converts.

"I think a tour of Israel has significance for everyone. A few people on our trip were not religious. They were very secular. They were just Jewish; they didn't identify with any kind of branch of Judaism. I could tell that for them it was a very emotional experience because they finally found something that they could connect to.

"Growing up Jewish in the Bible belt is not easy. Going to Israel was amazing because I was not a minority," she said.

Birthright Israel has trips even for a person who has

only one Jewish parent or whose grandparents are Jewish. Each trip has a different focus. Some trips are built especially for Orthodox and more religious Jews and cultural and secular Jews, as well as those interested in various topics such as the environment, agriculture, archeology and more.

Israel is about the size of New Jersey, so Josie was able to go pretty much everywhere. She walked down the narrow streets surrounded by old buildings, enjoyed all of the Kabbalah art and took a break while floating in the Dead Sea.

"I was nervous about silly stuff like 'what if I forget my passport,' or 'what if I don't bring enough clothes?' But I wasn't nervous about getting hurt or injured or anything. Israel isn't what American TV makes it out to be. I felt safe there."

She said that it is possible

to order a Kosher Big Mac at McDonald's in Israel, but don't spend too much time looking for Starbucks because you won't find one there. Starbucks' coffee just isn't strong enough for Israelis. And standing in line doesn't suit them, either.

"We went to a place called Burger Ranch and there was no line - just people standing all up front at the counter yelling out orders with everyone shoving. All of us Americans were wondering 'how do they know whose order to take next?' But they got them all right."

Josie's favorite part of the trip was hiking in the desert. It wasn't hot and dry like she expected it to be.

"It was very beautiful. We climbed all over the giant rocks. Even though it was dangerous hiking, I didn't feel



provided by Josie Streiff

Josie Streiff enjoys a view of Jerusalem.

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President Jones acknowledges University Police officers

Kristen Alonso

Dr. Thomas Z. Jones speaks in honor of the police in Burnett Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Chief of Police Mack Seckinger awarded them certificates of appreciation for their contributions to the nine-month investigation that led to the arrest of Brandon Montrez Robinson. Police initially charged Robinson with eight felonies, and on Monday they added six more after connecting him with more crimes on campus.



Kristen Alonso

From left: Salvador Ortega, Tiffany Land, John Bennett, Joseph Peny, Santonio Johnson, Chief Seckinger, and President Jones.

How to avoid theft in on-campus housing

Prevent burglary with locked doors

Patrick Fina

With all four cases reported in this week's Crime Blotter section linked to theft, residents are beginning to question their safety - why is there a sudden rash of burglaries on campus?

The overwhelming majority of cases all involved theft where residents left their front doors unlocked and their belongings un-

supervised. Housing Director Corey Reed said it's a "double-edged sword."

Many students are comfortable enough with their neighbors, roommates and fellow students that they choose not to lock their doors - but those same "friends" may very well be looking for monetary gain at the ex-

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NEWS

Calendar of Events

Feb. 8: CUB meeting at noon in University Dining Room
Feb. 9: Gulfstream Annual Speech Contest at 8 a.m. in Ashmore Hall Auditorium RM 119
Feb. 11: SGA meeting at noon in Science Center RM 1405
Wesley Fellowship Luncheon at noon in University Hall RM 157
Faculty Meeting at 12:10 p.m. in University Hall RM 156
Feb. 12: Graduate Council meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room
Fellowship of Christian Athletes at 9 p.m. in Sports Center RM 223

‘N-word’ gets buried alive

Savannah High students organize a mock funeral for the n-word

Rachael Hartman

Savannah High students and members of the NAACP organized a symbolic funeral in conjunction with the MLK memorial holiday.

The funeral was for the n-word - following a tradition set by the NAACP in 1944 when they buried The Jim Crow laws that enforced segregation and encouraged prejudice and disrespect toward African-Americans.

Last summer the NAACP held a mock funeral in Detroit for the n-word, hoping to bury it for good among everyone.

AASU Alum and NAACP member Jonathan Goldwire was proud of the high school students for taking initiative.

“We dictate the terms of our existence. We define who we are by the choices we make and the language we choose to use. The students’ decision to bury a word that has disgraced the African American race for years sets a precedent for generations and sends a message that we as a people will not settle for anything less than respect,” he said.

Dr. Learotha Williams, professor and program coordinator for African American studies, said he thought the mock funeral was a good thing

“They are cognizant that all of it occurred, but the immediacy of it has moved away. They are young. They don’t really see it. They

Although a supporter of the students burying the n-word, Williams said that sometimes the use of the word is “culturally understand-

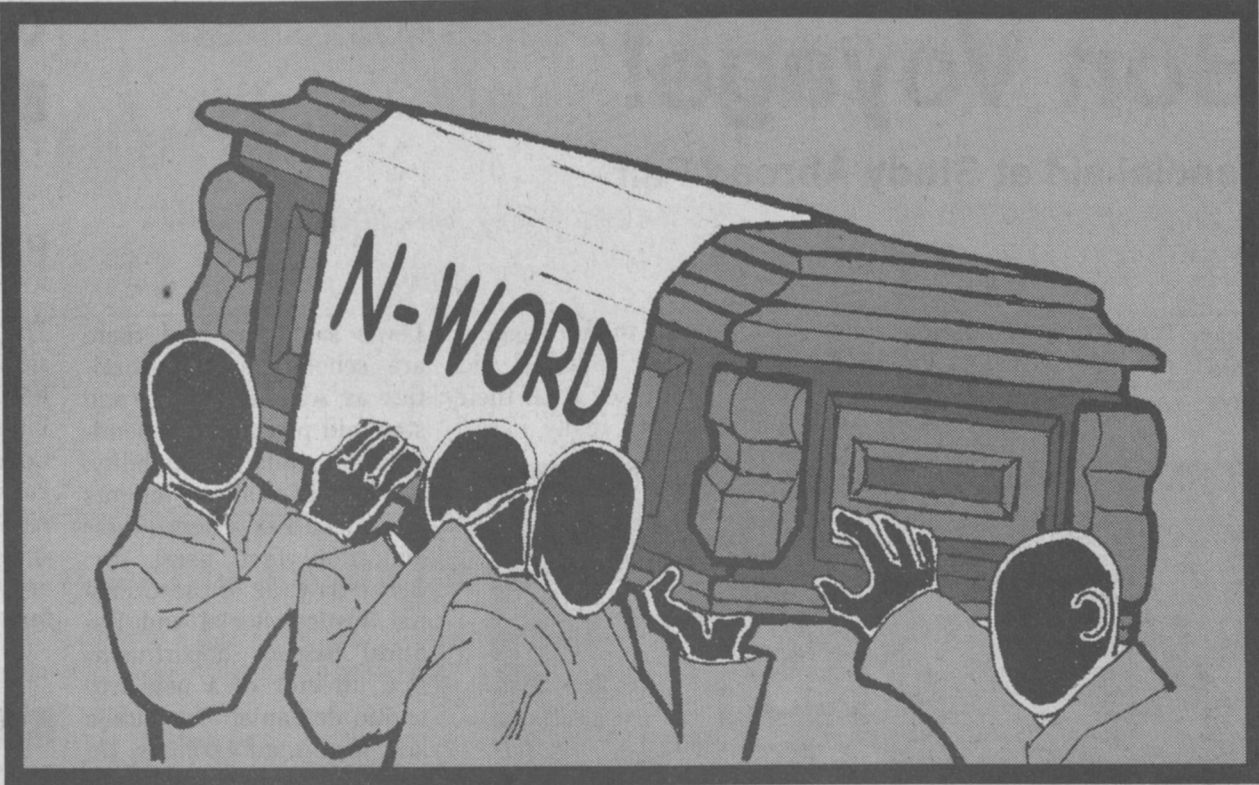
something outrageous to my brother, and he says ‘n’ please,’ it would mean, ‘crazy, please,” said Williams.

“There is a history of use that we must take into consideration when we look at blacks versus whites using it. Historically, when that word was used by blacks the definition was varied. It is the same if a white man called a black man ‘boy’. There is a connotation with it. But my father calls me ‘boy’ to this day.”

According to the Savannah Morning News, the president of the Savannah branch of NAACP, Prince Jackson, Jr., posed a question during the mock funeral: will students continue to use the n-word? Apparently several students raised their hands admitting the word had not yet been removed from their vocabulary.

Williams thinks it will take more than a ceremony to eradicate the n-word from American society.

“Have as many mock funerals as you want, but if the burial doesn’t occur in your mind or heart, that word will rise again.”



Seth Vargas

- it showed that the students recognized the problems associated with the word. However, Williams believes that most black students today don’t sense the significance of taking a stand the way that older African-Americans do because of the victories already won in society.

aren’t sophisticated enough to see it,” Williams said. “I was born in a segregated hospital - segregation in that city lasted four years after I was born. When I stand in front of the class and tell the students that, my standing there is a reminder that this isn’t ancient history.”

able, but sometimes not” when it comes to music and close friendship or kinship. “In my own experience, if you don’t know someone and you rode up and called them that, there would be problems. Because the word is so loaded, it will trigger something. But if I said

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pense of another. Reed says to lock your doors and hold your roommates accountable for the same – it’s better to be safe than sorry.

Also reported this week is the battery of a University Terrace II resident, in which he had his Nintendo Wii stolen. He answered the door and was forced to the ground by three perpetrators who are still at large. Peepholes were installed on the door to this particular apartment only five days too late, and security

cameras – which Reedy says he would always be happy to see more of - weren’t enough to catch the perpetrators.

If you are unable to see who is knocking at the door through a peephole or front window, Reedy also suggests asking: “Who is it?” Just like to the roommate situation, it’s better to be safe than sorry.

With peepholes, windows, security cameras and a fully-functioning university police department on campus, it is now up to students to take

the security of their possessions into their own hands. While all thefts are not preventable, taking a few precautions will drastically minimize the risk of a burglary.

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frightened because I felt God was protecting us. We also had a chance to all sit separately from each other and be quiet for five minutes to hear the silence of the desert; to be alone with our thoughts.”

Another life-changing experience for Josie was at the Western Wall (often misnamed the “Wailing Wall”). Jews go to the wall to pray; they petition God to meet their needs and heal the sick and diseased. The wall is filled with prayers scribbled on papers and stuck into crevices. It is all that remains from the destruction of the second temple in Jerusalem.

“We all wrote a personal prayer and put it in the wall. It was wonderful to be there. There is nothing that I can compare that moment

to spiritually. It felt like no one else was around. I felt very peaceful. It was like all the stress had been washed away for those few minutes I was standing there.

“I always feel very connected to Judaism, but being at the wall was the most special experience I’ve ever had. I encourage anyone who is Jewish to go - even if they are not religious - and have their moment with God at the wall.”

For more information about going on a Birthright Israel tour, contact Josie in the children’s department at the Jewish Education Alliance in midtown Savannah or visit <http://www.birthrightisrael.com>.

Weekly Crime Blotter

compiled by Patrick Fina

January 25

0801-0043. Theft by Taking. Between Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 12:45 p.m., an entire toolbox was taken from the back of cart M4 at the Plant Operations center. The worker who reported it did not initially realize that the tools were missing when he came to work at approximately 12:15 p.m., and reported the incident to Officer Johnson at 12:45 p.m.

0801-0044. Burglary, Peeping Tom, Theft by Taking. On Jan. 25 at 5:00 p.m., Officer Bennett arrested Brandon M. Robinson at 10714 Abercorn Street. The warrants for his arrest included Burglary, Theft by Taking, Peeping Tom, two counts of Computer Trespass, Financial Transaction Card Fraud, and two counts of Theft by Receiving Stolen Property. The case numbers involved in these incidents are as follow:

0711-0033, 0707-0005, and 0707-0016.

January 27

0801-0048. Burglary. Between 2:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. on Jan. 26, a resident of Armstrong’s on-campus housing stated to the Campus Police that he left to go to work at 2:30 p.m., and when he came home at the end of his shift, his Sony Vaio laptop, speakers, and power cable were missing. His roommates left a few minutes after he did that afternoon, and the doors to the apartment were unlocked. The laptop is silver in color, and the speakers are black. Officer Bennett took the report.



January 28

0801-0049. Battery, Burglary. A resident of University Terrace II called campus police at 1:20 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, to report an incident in which he was assaulted and his personal property was stolen. One of three suspects forced his way into the apartment, held the victim down to the ground, and began to punch him. The victim yelled for the offender to “stop,” but was unable to fight him off. At the verbal cue of the first offender, two other suspects entered the apartment and took the victim’s Nintendo Wii videogame system, valued at approximately \$250. Officer Mahaney responded to the incident, which occurred only minutes before University Police were called.

University suspends blood drives to protest FDA policy prohibiting gay donors

By Dana Hull and Leslie Griffy
San Jose Mercury News
(MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. - In a bold but highly controversial move believed to be the first by a U.S. college, San Jose State University President Don Kassing has suspended all campus blood drives because of a longstanding U.S. Food and Drug Administration policy that bars gay men from donating blood.

The FDA’s policy “affecting gay men violates our non-discrimination policy,” Kassing said in a lengthy e-mail sent to faculty, staff and students earlier this week.

The issue has cropped up on college campuses across the country, primarily as gay student groups protest blood drives. The American Red Cross and other national organizations that regularly run blood drives have also been pushing the FDA to

revise the policy, which has been in place since AIDS first emerged in the United States in the early 1980s. State-of-the-art blood-screening techniques make the lifetime ban unnecessary, the groups say.

The FDA policy affects any man who has had sex with another man since 1977. The agency says it is necessary because gay men are at increased risk for HIV, hepatitis B and other infections that can be transmitted by transfusions.

A university employee who has not been identified brought the policy to Kassing’s attention last spring. Kassing and his staff then spent several months talking to faculty members, blood banks, outside AIDS and HIV experts and high-ranking FDA officials before a decision was made.

“This is not a political issue. We’re not bowing to political pressure from some

advocacy group,” said Larry Carr, SJSU’s associate vice president for public affairs. “It’s a position based entirely on principle. President Kassing stood up for our non-discrimination policy.”

The decision pits two values of higher education - community service and diversity - against one another.

Local blood banks on Jan. 30 blasted Kassing’s decision, saying it could lead to a precipitous drop in blood donations at numerous Bay Area colleges and put patient’s lives at risk.

Kassing’s order, which takes effect immediately, applies to blood drives arranged by university employees as well as those organized by various student groups. At least two blood drives that were planned for this spring have now been canceled.

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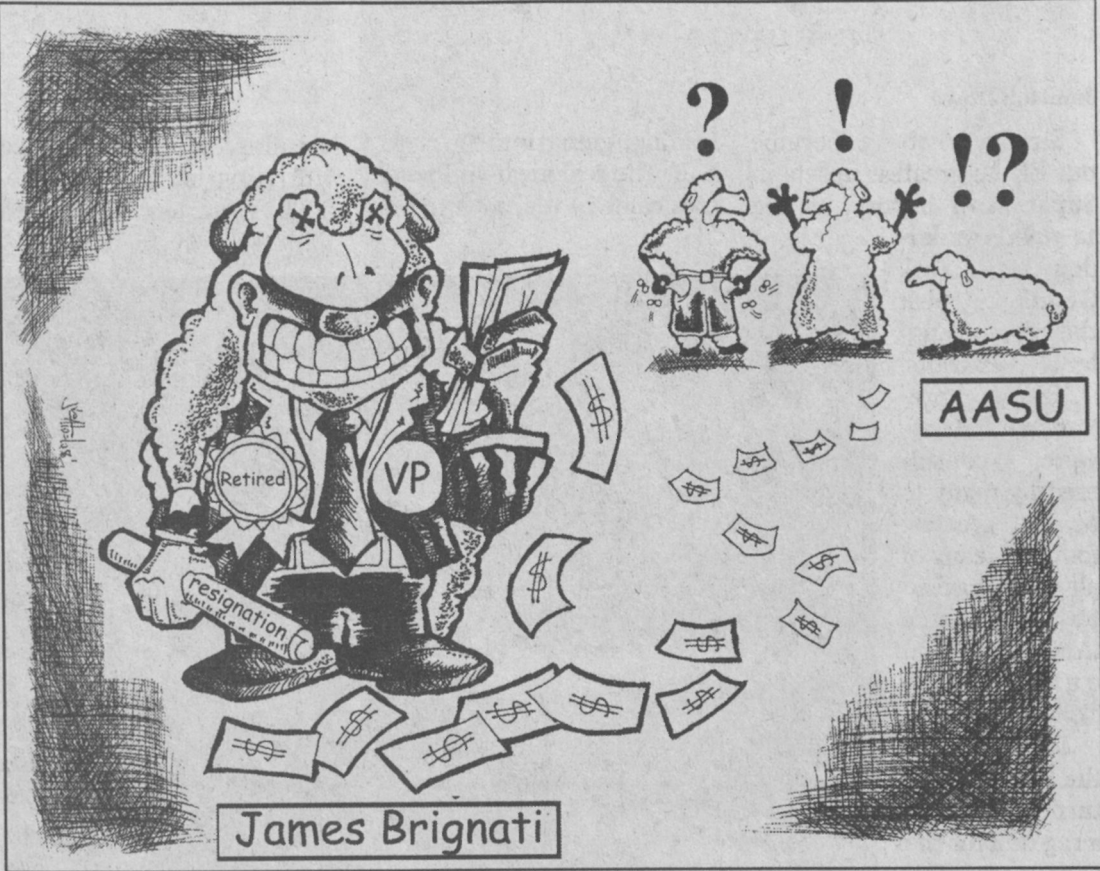
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Special privileges come with rank at Armstrong?

University police nabs suspected laptop thief; Auditors spot suspicious purchases on the Vice President of Finance's p-card (also referred to as the procurement card or purchasing card). AASU has had its fair share of time in the media spotlight since 2008 began – both good and bad. Print and broadcast reporters on and off campus have barely scratched the surface, though. For example, the last we heard on the p-card scandal, James Brignati was allowed to retire after auditors discovered his unauthorized purchases; however, the story doesn't end there. Sure, Brignati is gone and someone else has come in to take his place. But what we want to know is why was he allowed to retire instead of being fired immediately? From what the newspaper has been told, several individuals have been fired recently – supposedly due to a connection with the audits and what they discovered. "What's the big deal?"

Stealing company funds is . . . well, stealing. Stealing is a crime. (Two plus two equals four.) Does it matter who stole the money? Should it matter? Hell no! Even if the individual stealing plans to pay it back at a later time – and we don't know if this is the case here – taking funds without proper authorization is illegal. When students plagiarize or cheat, they risk automatic expulsion. Those students are stealing from another individual or source, and there are consequences they must face and a penalty they must pay. The university makes sure students are aware of the honor code. Those who plagiarize or cheat know the risk they take. And yet some plagiarize or cheat anyway. So, is it less of an honor code violation if the students are seniors close to graduation? According to the University System of Georgia's policies on its website, each p-card holder was supposed to have undergone training on how and when to

use the cards. Brignati – as the director – would have undergone this training. Surely, he knew what he was doing was wrong. There must have been others who were either suspicious or knew of Brignati's activities, but it must have been difficult to come forward if they worked under him. Fortunately, in the aftermath, the university started a program where employees who have concerns that they would like to report can do so by calling the program's telephone number and making an anonymous report. Who were the individuals fired? Why were they fired? Were their activities of a more criminal nature than Brignati's? More importantly: Were they given an opportunity to resign? We don't know yet, but we are working on finding out. Brignati, as the "top dog," so to speak, should be made MORE accountable for his actions – not less. While we realize that the situation is still under inves-



tigation, and that he, along with others in the University System of Georgia who were caught, could very well end up with charges brought against him, we still

go back to this one question and its implications: Why was he allowed to retire? And . . . did he receive his retirement package? We'll be sure to let our read-

ers know what we find out.

A Marine who held up his end of the bargain

Kevin Ferris
The Philadelphia Inquirer
(MCT)

From a State of the Union that won't be much quoted, a line for the military that can't be repeated enough: "In the past year, you have done everything we've asked of you, and more. Our nation is grateful for your courage. We are proud of your accomplishments." Take the case of one Marine, Sean A. Stokes of California. On Wednesday, Feb. 6, his 25th birthday, he will be awarded the Silver Star for courage demonstrated during the hand-to-hand, street-fighting nightmare that was the Battle of Fallujah in November 2004. The honor will be presented posthumously. Stokes was killed by an IED blast on July 30, 2007, while on security detail during his third deployment to Iraq. His longtime friend Brad Adams also was injured, but survived. Stokes died in the arms of the battalion commander whose life he had saved. Stokes' heroics on the battlefield were amply recorded

in Patrick O'Donnell's book "We Were One" and the History Channel documentary "Shootout: Fallujah." Equally impressive was his struggle to remain in uniform, to stay and fight beside his fellow Marines. Being a Marine was a long-time dream of Stokes', and he enlisted after high school, in the wake of 9/11. But early on, he screwed up. A family emergency arose, and he went home to help - without permission. When he returned, a drug test detected marijuana in his system. He was busted from corporal to private, threatened with an early discharge, and attached to the Third Battalion, First Marine Regiment, which was headed for Iraq. It was a chance to prove himself. He did. During 12 days of urban combat in Fallujah, Lima Company's First Platoon fought house by house. Stokes was on point, kicking in the doors, never knowing whether an ambush awaited.

He described the job in "Shootout": "At each house I said a prayer, 'Please, God, get me out of this one.' When I come out of the house, I thank him, light up a cigarette and move on to the next one." He was wounded twice. The first time was in an alley when his platoon was driven back by a grenade assault. Stokes took some shrapnel - again, with Brad Adams - but he kept up return fire, allowing his buddies to pull back safely. Stokes hid his wounds, fearing a mandatory evacuation. He wouldn't abandon his platoon. Days later, First Platoon was entering yet another house. Lance Cpl. Philip Peterson later told O'Donnell: "There were four open doors, a stairwell, and one closed door. It was a black door on a black wall. It was the creepiest looking thing I've ever seen. Stokes and I looked at this door, and we both said: 'We'll save that one for last.'" But the door opened and

an AK47 poked out, firing at knee level. The Marines returned fire, and as the door was shut, a grenade rolled out. The blast sent the 6-foot Stokes flying. "It was like being hit with a bowling ball," he said later. There was more enemy fire, more grenades. The Marines scrambled to get out, but another blast knocked Stokes down again. Once outside, the platoon noticed he wasn't with them. He was on the floor of the house, firing back at an enemy that was closing in. He ran out of ammo. The enemy was still firing, still lobbing grenades his way. Lance Cpl. Heath Kramer finally crashed through a door behind Stokes, who was woozy and disoriented from the succession of blasts, and dragged him outside. Earning two Purple Hearts and the admiration of his peers wasn't enough to clear Stokes' record. A second tour of Iraq brought a promotion, but the threat of discharge remained. He was offered

a seven-month extension, with a third deployment, but after that he would be out. Gary Stokes advised his son to turn down the extension. "You done your part, buddy," he told Sean. "You don't need to do any more." He was taken aback by Sean's angry, vehement response. "I have to support all those guys," Sean told his dad. "We have to support them all. I have to make sure I hold up my end of the bargain as long as I can." Stokes didn't want his family to worry, so he misled them about the deployment. He said he would be aboard ship, probably in the Mediterranean. Gary Stokes didn't learn that Sean was actually in Iraq until the knock on the door at 6:30 a.m. on July 30. "Following your dreams shouldn't kill you, but it killed Sean. It's really just tragic," says O'Donnell, who befriended Stokes and helped draft the Sil-

ver Star recommendation. Neither a medal, nor a nation's thanks, can compensate for such a loss or fully honor such devotion and self-sacrifice. At best, we can promise to never forget, and determine to support all those guys, to hold up our end of the bargain as long as we can.

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"University Police arrest suspected
laptop thief"

Spring Break 101

Adrian in the University
Counseling Center

Time flies fast these days, or so it seems. I can remember celebrating New Year's, and now the first month of 2008 is almost over. That means midterms are fast approaching, but more importantly Spring Break is coming. If you're like me, Spring Break is a time to run wild and hope that none of the stories or pictures of you make it to campus, Facebook, Myspace or You Tube. I've had my share of wild times, but one thing always remains important: my safety. Safety includes more than paying attention to how much you imbibe; it also includes reducing your risk of being sexually assaulted. Sexual assault is any type of sexual activity that you do not agree to.

The reason this is so important is because when you have had one too many drinks or a few too many puffs you start to lose your inhibitions; people might take your flirtatious attitude for a "freaky" one. To avoid being taken ad-

Safety includes more than paying attention to how much you imbibe; it also includes reducing your risk of being sexually assaulted

vantage of, I suggest you always go places with close, trusted friends who care. Look out for each other. Don't put yourself in a situation where you have to depend on unknown peo-

ple to take care of you. Try not to make sexual decisions while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, even if it seems like that's what you want. If you're ever in a situation where you don't feel comfortable, leave. Being seen as frigid is far better than being sexually assaulted. Even though it sounds cliché don't accept drinks from open containers or sip from drinks ordered without your presence. Date rape drugs are still being used. Avoid dark, isolated areas and individuals who are extremely aggressive and don't respect your personal space or cuss you out for not wanting him/her.

Please don't fall for those lame and sometimes crafty lines to get in your pants. If he/she sounds like the perfect person, I can almost guarantee you that they are running game (I am old enough now to see it coming from a mile away, trust me!). But most importantly, have fun while being safe. Spring Break is a time for doing things that you might not want your parents to know or could ruin your chances of becoming president, but the adventure makes good stories for your grandchildren and will still make you to smile at the age of 80.

For more information on sexual assault visit: <http://sa.armstrong.edu/Counseling/index.html> and click the links.

SPORTS

Calendar of Events: Home Games

Feb 9: Baseball vs Southern Indiana @ 11:00 a.m.

Feb 10: Baseball vs Southern Indiana @ 11:00 a.m.

Feb 12: 7 on 7 soccer begins @ 5pm

Feb 10: Men's/Women's Tennis vs Georgia Southwestern State @ 10:00 a.m. and Flagler @ 2:00 p.m.

Feb 13: Men's/Women's Basketball vs GC&SU @ 7:30 p.m.

A truly “Super” Bowl

Jamison Dowd

Sunday, Feb. 3 became one of the greatest upsets in Super Bowl history, as the 14-point underdog New York Giants beat the New England Patriots.

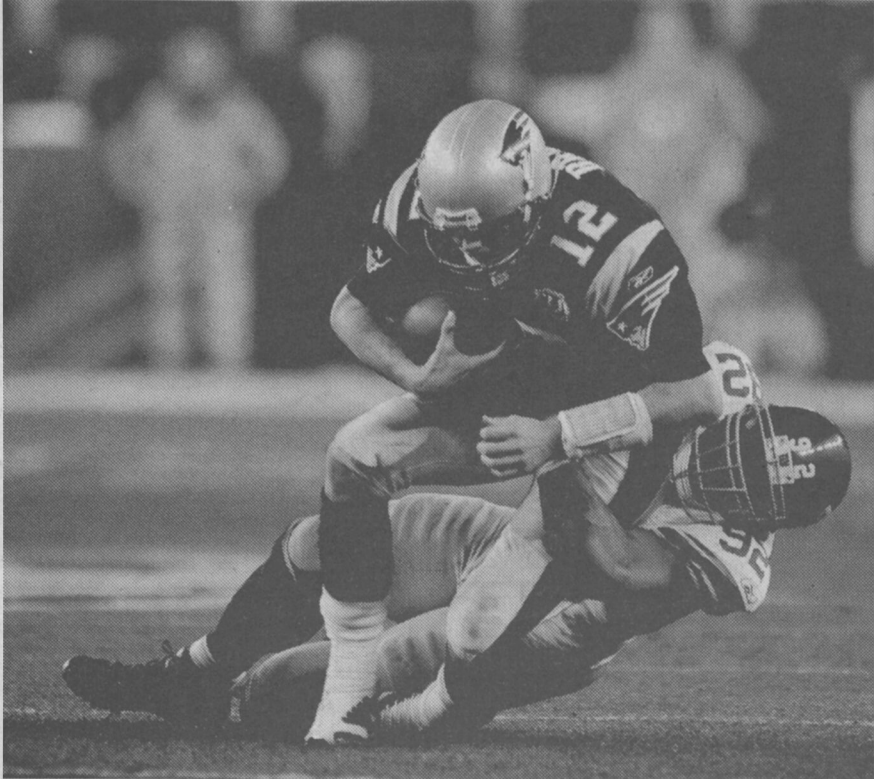
The pre-Sunday Patriots were considered by many to be the greatest football team of all time, backed by the three time champion quarterback Tom Brady.

However, the league MVP turned out to be a rag doll for the Giants’ defense. Brady was sacked five times in the game, and had trouble executing his methodical play all night due to the New York defensive line.

The defense provided the highlights for the first three quarters of the game, with a meager score of 7-3, Patriots

leading, going into the final half. The real meat and potatoes came in the last 12 min-

Manning to David Tyree with 11:05 left in the game. The Patriots answered



Giants’ Michael Strahan sacks Patriots quarterback Tom Brady in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XLII.

utes of the fourth quarter. New York took the lead 10-7 with a needle-threading pass by Giants’ Eli

back with a signature Brady to Moss pass to put the game at 14-10 with 2:42 left. The next possession by the

Giants was probably the most exciting football I’ve seen. What seemed to be a routine sack of Eli Manning on third down and 13, which would have certainly ended the game with another ring for New England, turned out to be an unbelievable catch by David Tyree to gain the first down.

Four exciting plays later and Manning lofted a 13-yard pass to Plaxico Burress to take the lead 17-14.

The last 35 seconds included the fifth sack of Tom Brady by the Giants’ defense, and New York was able to hold off New England.

Eli Manning completed 19 of 35 passes and was awarded the title of MVP. This is the third Super Bowl title for the Giants—the last being 17 years ago. They are the second wild card team in three years to win the Super Bowl.

The commercials were not as good as previous Bowls and Tom Petty’s halftime show left much to be desired, but the game will surely go down in the history books.

Pirates defeat Florida Southern in second game of the season

Gordon Coffee

After overcoming a five-run deficit, Pirate Nick Pyron drove in the winning run off of a single with the bases loaded in the bottom of the 11th inning to defeat No. 3 ranked Florida Southern at Pirate Field on Feb. 2.

The Pirates (2-0) scored first in the second inning, but trailed by 5 in the fourth. Things started to pick up for the Pirates as second baseman C. Cardoza-Oquendo batted first baseman Joey Davis in to score on a ground out, and third baseman Kenny Cail picked up two RBI to close in on the Mocs (0-2) lead, 6-4. A single to left field in the bottom of the seventh by Derek Miller allowed Cail and Pyron to even the score, 6-6.

In the bottom of the 11th, Juan Dorado led off with a single and advanced to third thanks to a wild throw by Florida Southern’s third baseman. The Mocs intentionally walked the next two

batters loading the bases for Pyron to drive in the winning run on a single to the left side.

Third baseman Nick Cail led the Pirates with two hits, one run, and two RBI, while

Blake Sills (1-0) picked up the win for the Pirates after pitching a hitless top of the 11th.



Fellow Pirates congratulate Nick Pyron for driving in the game-winning run.

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Tennis opens 2008 season with wins in Florida

Courtesy AASU Sports Communications

In Winter Park, Fla., AA-SU’s men’s tennis team rallied from a 2-1 deficit after doubles to pick up a 5-4 win over No. 10-ranked Rollins in the Pirates’ dual-match season opener on Feb. 2. Meanwhile, the No. 2-ranked Lady Pirates defeated Nova Southeastern, 8-1, in their season opener played on the campus of Rollins. AASU (1-0) dropped the top two doubles matches, but Rafael Array and Kevin Sijmons picked up an 8-1 win over Adrian Tan and Bill Rockwood to give

AASU a doubles point. The Pirates then won at the middle four singles spots to clinch the win, led by Robert Jendelund’s 7-6 (0), 6-4 win over Jonathan Gomez at No. 2 singles. Newcomer Tim Johannsen beat Adrian Tan, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 3 singles, while Christian Bergh picked up a 6-2, 6-0 win over Pablo Seijo at No. 4 singles and Paul Bishop defeated Gustavo Carvahlo, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 5 singles. The Pirates and Lady Pirates return to action on Saturday, Feb. 9, with a PBC dual-match at Augusta State at 1:00 p.m.

Weekly Sports Trivia Quiz

McClatchy-Tribune News Service (MCT)

QUESTIONS:

1.) The New England Patriots-New York Giants matchup marks the 12th time that two teams have met during the regular season, then later faced each other in the Super Bowl. What is the record of the teams that won the regular-season matchup?

2.) Who caught the winning touchdown pass in the final seconds when the San Francisco 49ers defeated the Cincinnati Bengals, 20-16, in Super Bowl XXIII?

3.) The much-celebrated Chicago Bears of 1985 were the “Monsters of the Midway” when they pummeled the New England Patriots, 46-10, in Super Bowl XX. How did the Bears fare in the playoffs the next season?

4.) Which team holds the dubious distinction of scoring the fewest points in a Super Bowl?

5.) What running back holds the record for the longest rushing gain in Super Bowl history?

ANSWERS:

compiled by Gregory Clay

New campus club promotes health awareness



Jenna Kosh, graduate fitness assistant, delivers information to the participants

Muona Malola

Jan. 29 marked the start of the Lighten Up Armstrong University, also known as LUAU, program’s first orientation meeting at 5:00 p.m. “This is a learning experience for everyone,” Jenna Kosh, a graduate fitness assistant, said. A fee of \$10 is required for membership, which will cover the entire semester. “The purpose of the health fitness club is to teach students about healthy lifestyles,” Brandon Jones, operations assistant, said. Participants in the program will be required to turn in nutrition logs, count calories and

be encouraged to use healthy methods in order to keep fit. Customized fitness charts and logs will be available for each individual member. The fitness club requires vigorous workouts three times a week and two group exercises. A graduate nutritionist will also be available to assess each member’s individual need. “The hours and days are flexible, so no one can feel pressured into commitment,” Kosh said. The program is still accepting members and sign-up forms are available in the AASU student recreational center.

Pirates win in season opener

Pirates 6, Moccasins 3

Demetrius Stinson

The Pirates scored three unearned runs in a decisive seventh inning to propel them to a 6-3 victory over the Florida Southern Moccasins in their season opener on Feb. 1.

The Pirates (1-0) were leading 3-0 entering the seventh inning before the Moccasins (0-1) peeled off two RBIs by first baseman Brian Schultz and right fielder Will Cherry to bring the game to within one. But the Pirates answered back on a pair of RBIs from center fielder Derek Miller and one from first baseman Joey Davis.

The Moccasins scored an unearned run in the ninth before the Moccasins' Wade Kirkland popped out to end the game.

Ross Partee started on the mound for the Pirates, pitching seven innings, allowing five hits and two earned runs while striking out seven to earn the win. Ken Wadsworth started for the Mocs. He pitched 4.1 innings, allowed five hits and one earned run.



Gordon Coffee

The Pirates gather together in left field after the game to celebrate their victory.

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Correction for last issue

The cover designer for last year's Calliope is Allison Walden, featuring a drawing by Anita Brunner.

Clayton State downs Lady Pirates, 62-47

Courtesy Sports Communications

Armstrong's women's basketball team hit just 30.8 percent from the floor in a 62-47 loss at Clayton State in Morrow, Georgia on Jan. 30.

The Pirates (10-7, 4-6 PBC) trailed the Lakers (12-6, 7-4 PBC) by just two at half-time, 27-25, thanks to junior Lindsey Holmes' 13 first-half points on four three-pointers, including a four-point play. Clayton State began the second half on a 13-2 run over the first six minutes, taking a 40-27 lead and holding on for the victory.

Holmes led the Lady Pirates on the night with 13 points, while Lacey Willis chipped in 10 points. Senior Kaneetha Gordon scored eight points and collected seven rebounds, leaving her just four rebounds shy of 1,000 for her career.

Clayton State's Shantel Ragin led the Lakers' balanced attack with 11 points and Kimberly Larry's 10 points. The Lakers forced 26 turnovers by the Lady Pirates and registered 13 steals, five by Ragin.

Pirates wrap up action at Claflin Invitational

Courtesy AASU Sports Communications

AASU's softball squad split two games in the final day of action at the Claflin Invitational on Feb. 2 in Orangeburg, S.C.

The Pirates (2-2) defeated host Claflin, 8-0, in five innings in the first match up of the day. AASU

was then edged by Georgia Southwestern State, 2-1, in a non-conference match up of the two PBC schools.

AASU returns to action on Friday, Feb. 8, as the Pirates travel to Albany State for a 1:00 p.m. doubleheader.

Kathryn Palmer

The Lady Pirates (11-7, 5-6 PBC) avenged a Dec. 1 loss in Aiken to the Lady Pacers, earning the season split with a 77-65 PBC win over visiting USC-Aiken (12-6, 6-6 PBC) on Feb. 2.

The Lady Pirates were just 1-5 over their last six games, but they improved to 7-1 at home this year, halting USC-Aiken's two-game winning streak, keeping the Lady Pacers winless in Savannah since Jan. 9, 2002.

After minutes of trading leads, USC-Aiken gained its largest advantage of the game, 24-19, with 7:02 left in the half. Two free throws by Lacey Willis temporarily put the Lady Pirates back in front, but AASU scored just one goal over the final 6:30 as USC-Aiken led at the break, 32-29. USC-Aiken

came into the second half and scored six of the first 10 points

to widen the gap, 38-33. Junior Alandris Griffin hit

a season-high 17 points, leading the Lady Pirates to the 12-point win over the Lady Pacers. Griffin, along with three more AASU players, landed in double figures as Lacey Willis notched 16 points off the bench, senior Kaneetha Gordon added 14 points and Lindsey Holmes contributed 11 points.

In addition to the Lady Pirate victory, Gordon collected four rebounds, giving her the record of all-time leading rebounder in university history with 1,000 career rebounds.

"Nothing can sway a determined mind. If you aim at leading your team in scoring, rebounding, blocked shots or whatever, the only person that will stop you is you," said Gordon.

In the PBC history, Gordon is just the fourth player to reach the 1,000-rebound mark, joining Christale Spain of USC-Aiken, Chiffonia Adderson of Francis Marion and Skye Barber of North Florida.



Muona Mulola

Kaneetha Gordon overwhelms the Pacers' defense.

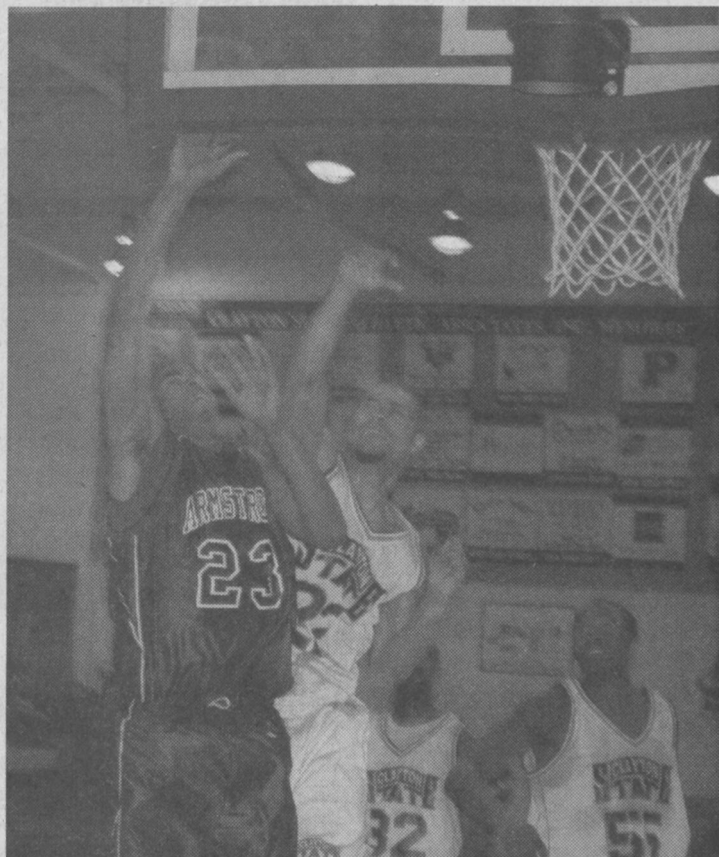
Lakers pull away from Pirates, 70-61

Courtesy Sports Communications

Clayton State snapped a 52-all tie midway through the second half of the game with an 8-0 run to pick up a 70-61 PBC victory over visiting AASU on January 30 in Morrow, Georgia.

The Pirates (11-6, 5-5 PBC) took a two-point lead into halftime, 37-35, but hit just 8 of 31 shots from the floor in the second half. The Lakers (10-8, 6-5 PBC), meanwhile, shot 48 percent from the floor after intermission in picking up their fifth win in their last six games.

Clayton State placed four players in double figures, led by Brian Kelly's 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the floor and Tracy Williams' 16 points. Senior Patrick Sanou led the Pirates with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds, while senior Franchot Brown added 14 points off the bench.



Steven Chaffee

#23 Senior Franchot Brown attempts a layup while getting fouled.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Calendar of Events

Feb 1 - April 6: The Jepson Center for the Arts presents “Cartoonsand Sculpture from the Bush Years,” an art exhibition of works by political cartoonist George Oliphant. College student admission is \$5. Call (912) 790-8800 for more information.

Feb 1 - April 4: SCAD hosts and exhibition in honor of Black Heritage Month: “Poetic Visions: Focus on Black Women Artists” from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the third floor of the Jen Library, 201 E. Broughton St.

Feb 17: AMT presents “An Artistic Discovery,” an art gallery reception for the annual United States Congressional High School Juried Art exhibition at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. This event is free and open to the public.

Spicy Sausage Pasta with Sun-Dried Tomatoes

Yvette Wheeler

Prep Time: 5 mins
Cook Time: 30-40 mins
Serves 2

Ingredients:

3-4 links of hot Italian sausage
2 cups rigatoni noodles
1 large can of Del Monte diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano
3 tbsp sun-dried tomatoes
3 tbsp parsley

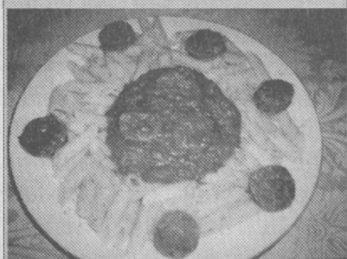
1. Bring a pan of water to boil and add sausage links. Cook until the casing turns white. Once they are firm, cut into one-inch-thick slices and set aside.

2. Use the same pan to bring to boil water and salt lightly. Then add the rigatoni. Cook for 10 minutes and drain.

3. Blend diced tomatoes together and put in a saucepan. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and sausage and let cook. Stir until the sauce begins to thicken.

4. Place the drained noodles on a plate. Ladle the sausage sauce over the noodles and sprinkle parsley over the dish. Add shredded Parmesan cheese, if desired.

TIP: For a stronger sausage flavor, put aside an extra sausage link after boiling. Use a food processor to grind the sausage up and stir into the tomato sauce.



District schools ‘band’ together

The Department of Art, Music and Theatre hosts the District Honor Band concert

Stephen Duke

The Department of Art, Music and Theatre welcomed the Georgia Music Educator’s Association (GMEA) First District Honor Band performance in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Feb. 1.

The audience gave the concert high applause, thanks to the organizational efforts of AASU Director of Bands, Dr. Mark B. Johnson – along with Matthew Leff, Kenza Murray and Sean McBride.

Honor band participants from Chatham and neighboring counties underwent a series of difficult auditions in early December 2007 for acceptance into the program. Each musician had to memorize and play several scales,

perform a prepared solo and sight read in front of a panel of GMEA judges. The students received numerical scores based on their individual evaluations in the audition, which determined whether or not they might participate in the Honor Band program.

The Honor Band participants in the seventh to eighth grade range had over 400 students auditioning, but only 117 were accepted. The ninth to 10th grade bands accepted 112 students. The 11th and 12th grade bands accepted about 100 out of the 650-700 entries. Only a select few of those chosen scored high enough on their auditions to advance to the GMEA All-State tryouts.

The concert was divided

into three separate performances based on grade level.

The concert opened with the middle school band, under the direction of guest clinician William Kilgore, director of bands at West Jackson Middle School. They opened with “Asian Folk Rhapsody,” arranged by Richard Sauce-do. Other pieces the band performed included Robert Sheldon’s “The Monster Under the Bed” and Larry Clark’s “Red Thunder,” a piece that uses percussion instruments to evoke tempestuous sounds. The middle school performance ended with Clark’s “Cartoon Symphony,” a medley of various themes from popular cartoons such as “The Simpsons,” “The Jetsons” and “The Animaniacs.”

The ninth and 10th grade band, directed by Tom Brown, who is a native of San Diego and has more than 30 years teaching experience, followed the middle school band. One of their more notable pieces of the concert was Edvard Grieg’s “In the Hall of the Mountain King.”

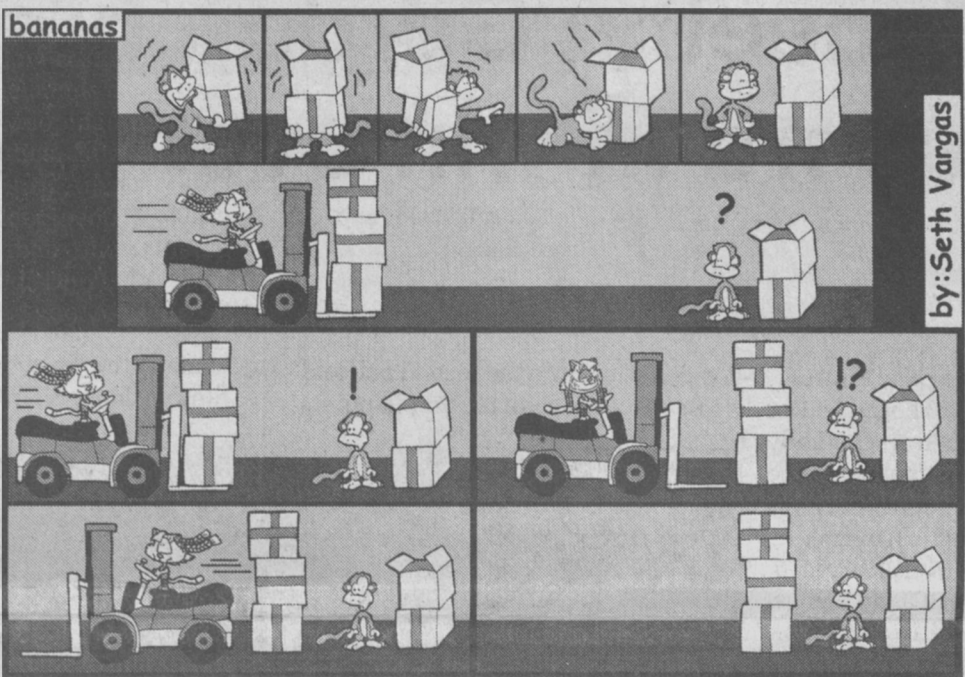
Brown gave a speech after his performance. He urged the students’ parents to continue to support music in their children’s schools, in spite of how the Georgia Department of Education has reduced funding for art and music education in favor of remedial and physical education classes.

Dr. David R. Holsinger, who directed the 11th and 12th grade honor band, con-

ducted the final performance of the concert. Holsinger is the director of the Lee Wind Ensemble at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn., where he teaches composition, orchestration and conducting. Two of the pieces the band performed were some of Holsinger’s own original compositions. His first piece, “Elegy on an American Folktune,” was commissioned for a high school band student who died of cystic fibrosis. This memorable piece captured the hearts of the audience and left them in silent reverence.

The second piece was another of Holsinger’s compositions, “Abram’s Pursuit.” This piece was inspired by Abram’s rescue of his nephew Lot.

For more information, visit <http://www.gmea.org>.



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Katie Staley

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even more extensive, serves up tacos, chalupas, burritos, quesadillas and enchiladas. The dinner menu is also home to house specialties such as deviled shrimp, cream of mushroom pollo (chicken), chile colorado and chiles coblanos (stuffed).

They also offer a small section of vegetarian meals made with beans instead of beef or chicken for the animal-friendly eater.

For that long-anticipated weekend, there are four sizes of margaritas from

12 oz. to the monster margarita at 46 oz. Also, cervezas (beers) come in 12 oz. or 32 oz. A small selection of wine is also available. The average meal costs about \$5- \$10 a person, not including alcohol. Low prices aside, Jalepeños is known for their speedy service and friendly staff.



Little laptop makes big impression

Martha McKay
The Record
(MCT)

HACKENSACK, N.J. – I’ve never been terribly cutting edge when it comes to my own personal electronics.

Our TV is old school. We use a rotary telephone in the kitchen.

But the little laptop computer I bought recently turned heads at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas earlier this month.

It felt a bit like pulling into the parking lot of a big auto show in a DeLorean or walking into a nightclub wearing the latest Stella McCartney.

People, my gear was cool.

In fact, my white Asus Eee PC was so state-of-the-art it was mentioned not once but twice in the official opening press conference as a hot new tech item displayed at the giant convention. Later, a tech reporter saw me working in the press room and came over to ask questions for an article he was writing about the low-cost, light-weight machines.

Often called a subnotebook or ultraportable, this latest generation of lap-

top PCs is making waves.

The initial drive to manufacture a low-cost, easy-to-use laptop came from the One Laptop Per Child initiative (which is a fantastic effort to get low-cost computers into the hands of children in developing nations). Asus’ Eee line appears to be targeting children and older people, but as more than one reviewer has said: Don’t be fooled.

The \$399 Asus Eee is a feature-rich laptop that runs on Linux, and so far it’s done everything I’ve needed – and more. It’s the kind of tool that will appeal to many business travelers, students and those looking for an inexpensive laptop.

A big part of what first attracted me to investigate the PC was the 2-pound weight – I was about to leave for the West Coast for almost three weeks, mixing a long family trip with a business trip. Lugging stuff for myself and my kindergarten on a total of five flights, I was looking for a way to cast off extra weight.

The little Eee slipped into

my carry-on, and I barely knew it was there. It fit neatly on my airplane tray table with room for notebooks and pens on the side.

I wanted to write (it comes with OpenOffice.org 2.0), get online, surf the Internet and send e-mail, and my laptop accomplished it all



The look and feel of the EEEPC by Asus are based on icons, but it doesn’t resemble the Windows start screen. You can click on menu items such as Internet, work, learn, play, settings and favorites.

It accessed Wi-Fi hot spots whenever I needed them.

As someone commented on the tech Web site Engadget, the Eee is a “full-fledged wireless Internet machine,” and that was all I needed.

flawlessly. Because it’s Linux-based, you bring up the laptop’s pre-installed programs using tabs, but trust me, it’s easy to use and very stable. In fact, I might venture to say it’s the first com-

puter I’ve ever used that’s approaching idiot-proof.

They’ve included as many inputs and outputs and connections as you could want.

For your research needs, there’s a periodic table and planetarium software.

What’s not to love?

Well, the keyboard is small and takes some getting used to. I thought I wouldn’t like the touch pad but it worked better than any I’ve used with larger laptops. Asus claims the battery life is 3.5 hours, but I got a bit less.

And one more thing: Sometimes you have to scroll to see an entire Web site. I got used to this quickly.

If you crave a big screen monitor and a way to watch DVDs on your laptop then this isn’t the machine for you.

But if you’re cost conscious and want a small, versatile laptop that will do any basic task that a bigger laptop will do, then consider the Asus Eee.

Many people are, apparently. The Taiwan company reportedly exceeded expectations in the past quarter, shipping 350,000 Eees out the door.

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For more information visit the festival web page: www.savannahirish.org or e-mail Chris Hagan at savannahchris@hotmail.com.

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Tuesday, February 19, 2008 6:00 p.m. Solms Hall rm. 110
Mr. Cleveland Lattimore (Health Educator) will discuss health and wellness issues that affect minority populations and are critical for promoting a healthy lifestyle. This event is co-sponsored by the AASU Student Health Center and The Department of Health Sciences

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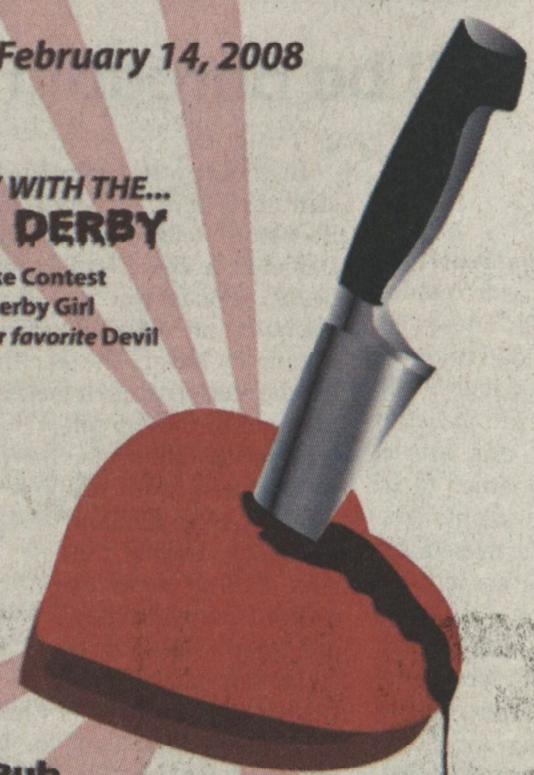
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